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The farmers are murmuring over the enactment of the legislature providing that creameries shall thoroughly sterilize or pasteurize the skim milk or buttermilk before returning it to the patrons. The process of sterilizing by heating takes away its food value for young stock. Hence but few patrons will bother with this by-product after May 1, when the law takes effect. One source of profit, though perhaps not a great one, is thus taken away from the farmers and this by a legislature comprised mostly of the tillers of the soil. What is the meaning of it.—Londonberry Sifter.

Is not the Sifter mistaken in thinking that the sterilizing takes away any of the feeding value? The law was one of the measures designed to lessen the spread of tuberculosis among farm animals, which has been shown to have been caused by distributing the by-products from tuberculous cows to farms where the disease did not previously exist. The law had the support of the more progressive farmers in the legislature but if it is wrong the truth should be made known.

The New Hampshire legislature has protected non-license communities by passing a bill prohibiting the transportation of liquor by express companies from a license to a non-license town.—Brattleboro Phoenix.

This law which is similar to the one which just went into force in Vermont represents the tendency throughout the country. Towns which have voted no license because their thirsty citizens could run or send over into the next town and buy all they wanted, and then bragged about their moral atmosphere would be forced to stand on their own merits. We should like to see the absolute prevention of the bringing of liquor into Vermont except to licensed dealers and all such dealers stopped from selling except to people in their own towns for six months, and then have the towns vote on the question of license and no license. We fear that the returns would take the curl all out of Clarence Ferguson's hair, but hypocrisy on the run question wouldn't be so rampant for a few days anyway.

The Iowa legislature by a decisive vote has defeated the movement for state wide prohibition. Iowa has a license law which is working fairly satisfactorily and the state proposes to give it a further trial.—Brattleboro Phoenix.

Iowa too used to have a prohibitory law similar to that in Vermont.

The open trout season in Windham county opens next Friday. Snow over there is reported to be three feet deep in the woods and the ice hasn't gone out of the ponds yet.

Spring Poetry Kills an Editor.

The editor sits in his easy chair while headless winds blow thru his hair. No more his treacherous pen will write The low in the field of the ought-to-be. No more he'll praise the fire merchant Or censure things that might have been.

The great red sun shall rise and set In tireless round, the world forget The days and deeds of Esquire Shaw, Prophet and friend and editor.

For many years the old man strode, Along the journalistic road. To make a wicked people good. His life has been an eight-point prose. For news he had the probing nose; But poetry was not for him. It had too many "feet" for him. But "gentle spring" brought miles of verse And each day saw him growing worse

Until he died, as you may see, Because of too much poetry.—Clifton S. Wady in the American Printer.

The Perforated Joke Sheet.

The jokesmith displayed a sheet of paper, perforated, like a sheet of post age stamps, into five-inch squares, and gummed, like stamps, on the back. "This is my new perforated joke-smith's joke sheet," he said, "patented applied for. Each square has my name and address on it, and on each square I write a joke. Then I send the full sheet to my best-paying editor, and he tears out the jokes he wants and returns the sheet to me, when I send it out again. This is kept up till the last joke is sold.

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"All our diseases are due to micro-scopic animals—germs," said a doctor. "Every man Jack of us is a living world, inhabited by millions of races of germs, some harmless, some deadly.

"Medicine used to be a crazy, guess work trade. You gave a drug—it did it or it didn't do that—nobody knew why. But medicine is now as exact as gardening. As the gardener treats his plants, killing off this insect with a spray and that parasite with a powder, and generally keeping the garden healthy, so the doctor does with his patients, spraying them, so to say, and killing the harmful germ parasites that swarm in their blood."

Are You, Good Woman, at Your Best?

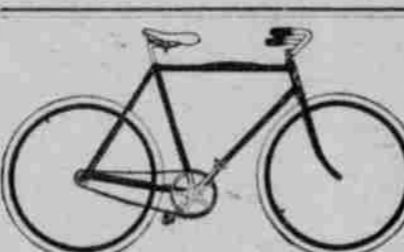
Many women, formerly full of robust vigor, with clear complexions and bright, vivacious spirits, find themselves slowly losing their good looks and strength, fading under the influence of an unknown cause. Ignorance of the real condition. Just when a woman should be at her best and why? You ask. She has been so busy planning, has been so absorbed with her social duties, her work has been so continuous, that she scarcely allowed herself a moment's relaxation. She has neglected her health, and where her food formerly seemed to nourish, now she has but little appetite and even what she does eat does not seem to do her any good. If you should ask her what the trouble is, she would say, "I am just tired out." But the real cause is constipation and its resulting condition—blood poisoning. Just think what habitual neglect of the bowels means—sickness instead of good health, nervousness instead of vigor, cheerfulness replaced by depression, happiness by misery. A week's use of



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Also to transact any other business that may come before the meeting.

Dated at Woodford this 25th day of March, 1904.

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"That's right, soak him!" encouraged a man with a stentorian voice who had standing room in the rear. As the clergyman warmed up to his subject the interrupting "soak him!" came from the rear with greater power and frequency.

The speaker paused. He was not irritated, but gently threw the audience into a good-natured hysteria by saying:

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The Fight to Go On.

It is not at all reassuring but it certainly is illuminating to read the following New York news item under date of April 2:

"The re-assessment of duties amounting to a total increase of \$1,239,000 on sugar imported by the American Sugar Refining Company at the refinery of Havemeyer & Elder, between December, 1901 and November, 1907, has been ordered by Collector Loeb of the port of New York. Loeb ordered the reliquidation on the ground of fraud. The imposition of the increased assessment is the result of a second trial of the case against the American Sugar Refining company in which the government was awarded \$124,000.

Ex-United States Attorney Stimpson and Assistant District Attorney Denison who prosecuted the previous case have been retained by the department of justice as special counsel to carry on further litigation of a similar nature. Acting upon the evidence which they laid before him, Collector Loeb ordered a reliquidation of duties and the increase in assessments followed.

The government also claims it has been defrauded of about \$1,900,000 in duties on sugar weighed at the refinery of Havemeyer & Elder in Brooklyn and at Jersey City refinery prior to 1901. It was announced to-day that legal steps are now being taken on behalf of the government to enforce the collection of these duties.

In the face of the discovery, by the merest chance, that the great sugar king the government for years through the trickery of false weighing machines, the assertions of the heads of this and similarly vicious trusts and their apologists, that barring, possibly, a little reckless stock watering, "big business" is all right and honestly conducted, is effrontery of the most stupendous kind.

Then here is another news item of the same date as the foregoing, this time from Washington.

"What is designated as a 'joker' that cost the consumers of tobacco in this country nearly \$45,000,000 has been found in the existing revenue laws of the United States by Congressman Dawson of Iowa, who at once introduced a bill to correct the errors.

Under the Dingley tariff law, the two ounce packages of tobacco sold to the consumer at five cents each, and the four packages for 10 cents. In 1895 a war revenue tax of six cents a pound additional was levied on tobacco.

"At the same time in order to serve the convenience of the trade, authorization was given for the reduction of the size of the packages from two, three and four ounces, to 1 2-3 and 2 1-2 and 3 1-3 ounces, thus enabling the smoker to procure a five cent and a ten cent package of tobacco at the store.

"In due time the war revenue tax was repealed. Somebody forgot, Mr. Dawson believes, to restore the package of tobacco to the original size and hence, ever since 1902, the consumer of tobacco has been paying the equivalent of the war revenue tax to the manufacturers of tobacco.

"According to figures obtained from the commissioner of internal revenue over 3,000,000 1 2-3 ounce packages have been sold during the past six years and over 12 million packages of the 3 1-3 size.

Mr. Dawson figures out that the purchaser of each small package has been mulcted out of one cent, and the purchaser of the larger of one cent, and hence the joker has cost the consumer almost \$45,000,000. Mr. Dawson's bill provides the restoration of the packages to the original sizes."

This, presumably, is merely an illustration of one of those little peculiarities of trade which in a country merchant would be defrauding the public, but in that rarified atmosphere in which the trusts move constitutes a master stroke of business, surrounded by the safeguard of legal technicalities.

In such instances as these, taken at random from weekly reports of similar operations, that plainly point out the necessity of a vigorous continuation of the fight for honest and square dealing in business, big and small, and of the crusade for a higher standard of morals in the industrial and commercial world.

The activity of the Taft administration through the department of justice, as evidenced by the proceedings against the Standard Oil company is a gratifying indication of the purpose to continue the policies already inaugurated.

The sugar trust, the tobacco trust, and others, caught with their hands in the pockets of the people can blush and pathetically ask to be "let alone." Uncle Joe can hilariously exclaim that "this is a h— of a country," flowing with milk and honey, but it does not obscure the main fact that there is yet much to be done to bring about that liberty of industry and equality of opportunity which the awakened spirit of the times demands.—Enosburg Standard.

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